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Re: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Ms. Hesse:

Microsoft's competitors are guilty of tying up the courts with litigation based on unsubstantiated, personal vendettas. I am even more appalled, however, that there are State Attorneys General pushing the case, seemingly more eager to make a name for themselves than adhere to the rule of law. As a consumer, I see no benefit in the continuation of protracted litigation based upon the spurious public interest proffered by the remaining States. Indeed, not only have millions of tax dollars been wasted, this frivolous litigation has taken money out of our economy as investors hold their breath, watchful of government involvement in business.

The Department of Justice has settled the case, as have a handful of State Attorneys General. The stolid AGs remaining should follow their lead. A suitable settlement is on the table and there is nothing left to gain. I appeal to you to use your power to put an end to this prejudicial litigation so that the country, the economy, and the Court can focus on the more substantive issues that face our nation today.

Sincerely,

William Hunnicutt

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